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OXFORD: A GREAT PLACE FOR BUSINESS

Economic and other factors, including a good customer base and the strong work force, put Oxford near the top in a list of the best American towns for business.

BY ADAM FLAHERTY gaflaher@olemiss.edu

The city of Oxford has been named one of the ten “best small towns for business in America” by the financial company American Express.

The list, compiled by author Jack Schultz, was featured on the Open Forum section of the American Express website, a resource designed by the company to help small business owners exchange insights for success.

Oxford is noted in the list as the literary capital of the South and for its relationship to The University of Mississippi. The hub of retail stores and restaurants on the Square illustrates the pool of successful businesses already in Oxford. American Express also notes the city’s population growth, rising 36 percent in the last decade to 17,636.

Max Hipp, president and CEO of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Foundation, said the Oxford area and Lafayette County are home to roughly 1,700 businesses, large and small.

The Chamber of Commerce has played an important role in creating a business-friendly environment in Oxford.

“The Chamber of Commerce is a business organization that supports our small business in our community,” Hipp said. “Our aim is to promote our town, help create a positive business climate and provide services to our members.”

Hipp said the chamber helps businesses in many ways, including seminars, focused information meetings, networking opportunities, leadership training, advertising opportunities and business referrals to their members.

Hipp credits a good customer base, a pro-business climate, the number of available employees and the productivity of the work force as contributors to the continued success of businesses in Oxford. He also pointed to the quality of life,



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Oxford was listed as one of the top 10 cities in America to do business by American Express. PICTURED ABOVE: Max Hipp, president and CEO of the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Foundation.

including a great school system. The Oxford area offers to potential business owners as a non-economic factor that has swayed proprietors to choose Oxford over other locations.

Hipp was optimistic about continued business growth, acknowledging some of the major contributors to Oxford’s reputation as a great place to do business.

“No doubt the University remains a significant driver in our economy,” Hipp said. “Along with that is a very vibrant and growing medical community which will continue to grow for years as Baptist Hospital (N MS) builds a new hospital on a new campus. This will put them in position to grow significantly for generations to come.”

Hipp also said local manufacturers, including Winchester, are likely to continue hiring for the next two years.

Oxford is not without challenges to its business growth. Hipp listed building and land costs, property tax rates, rental costs, the availability of affordable land, the affordability of housing and infrastructure such as redundant fiber optic cable and ‘last mile’ high speed bandwidth as remaining considerations in the future of Oxford’s competitive business

culture.

Scott Carradine, owner of Proud Larry’s restaurant on the Square, said he is drawn by the “captive market, the (presence of) the university, and the events being held year-round that draw a lot of people to town.”

Noneconomic factors also factor into Carradine’s appreciation of Oxford.

“It’s also a great place to raise kids with my wife,” Carradine said.

Carradine noted that while restaurants were among the most successful businesses during the fall and spring semesters at the university, business did slow down as students left for break.

The owner of Holli’s Sweet Tooth, Holli Ratcliffe, said after graduating from Ole Miss she saw a need for a sweet shop in town. Ratcliffe said the university has been a huge advantage to her business and the family atmosphere of Oxford contributes greatly to the success of a specialty sweet shop.

“My goal is to make everyone smile when they leave,” she said.

Ratcliffe said the high rent cost that comes with the proximity of her shop on the Square was a huge challenge, as well as downtown parking.



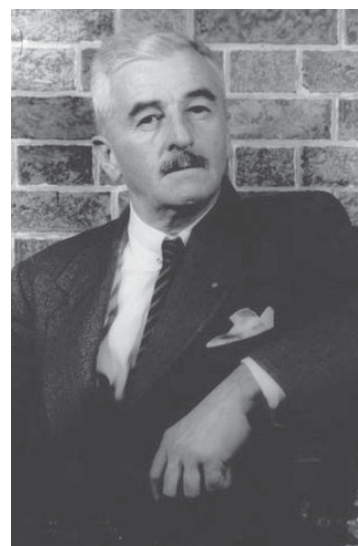
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The Oxford and Ole Miss communities celebrate Independence Day with a fireworks display at Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field Wednesday night.

Faulkner 50 years later

Oxford gathers for a weekend of events to commemorate William Faulkner.

BY EVERETT BEXLEY elbexley@olemiss.edu



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The annual Faulkner Festival, celebrating 50 years of his death, will have events from July 6 to 7.

American novelist William Faulkner helped shape the town he loved and called home. In his honor, the Oxford community will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his death Friday, July 6 with “William Faulkner Remembrance.”

The 39th Annual Faulkner and Yoknapatwpha Conference “Fifty Years After Faulkner” will follow on July 7-11.

“Because of this milestone, we have brought together the largest gathering of speak-

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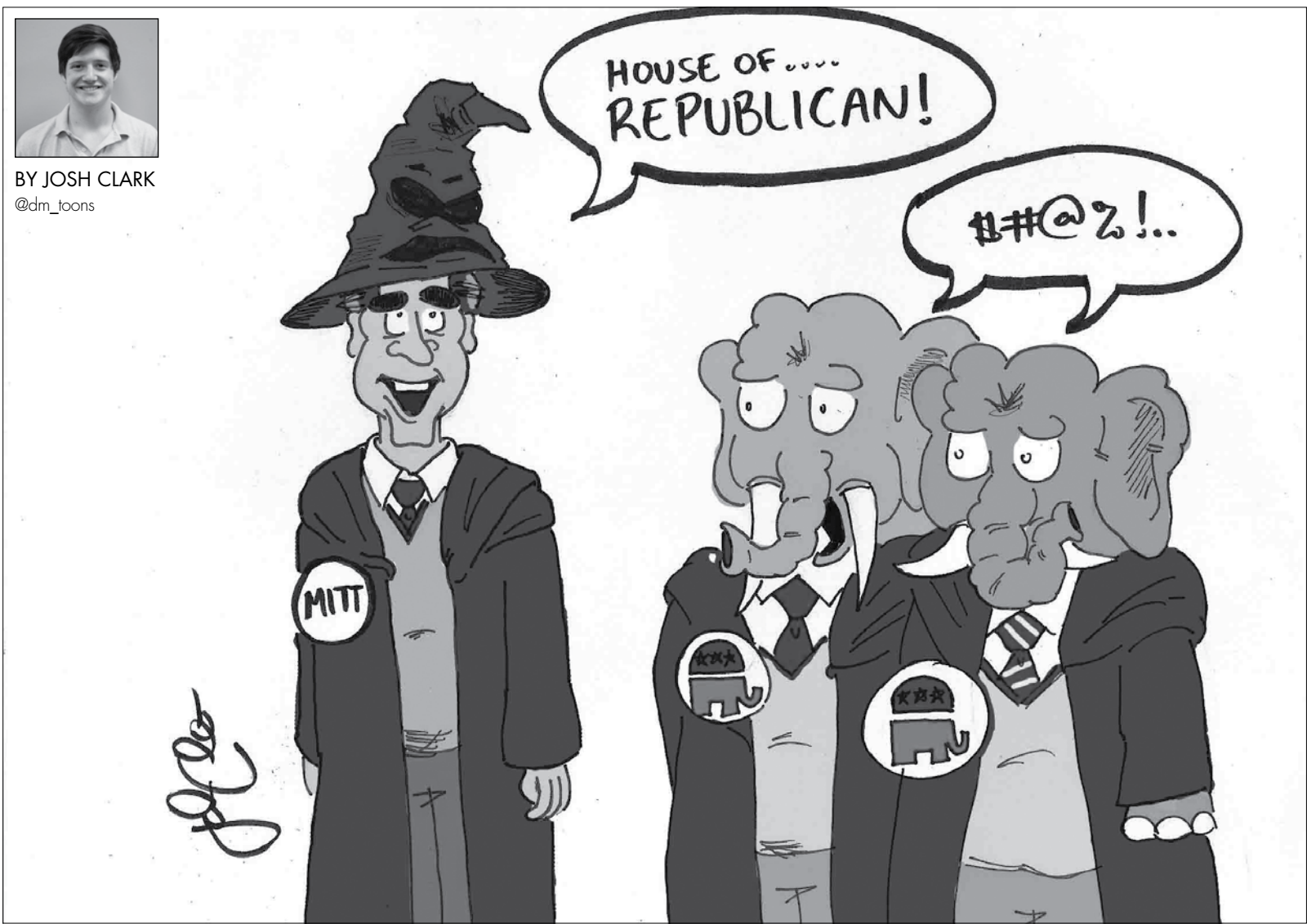
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COLUMN

Why the ‘college experience’ is much more than a GPA



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Like many rising seniors at Ole Miss, I have worked hard to protect my GPA over my past three years of school. Although my 4.0 met its unfortunate demise in the fall of my sophomore year, I have managed to keep it above the 3.8 mark ever since.

Trying to keep my options open for possible law school and scholarship opportunities in the future has kept me motivated to work as hard as I can, even when it would have been much easier to cut myself a little slack and “enjoy” more of the recreational activities Oxford has to offer.

So when I went abroad this

semester to study at Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), I had the same goal in mind: keep my GPA as high as I can. Unlike many study abroad programs offered through Ole Miss, however, my classes are direct-enroll. This means that – with the exception of my Portuguese for Foreigners course – all of my classes are with Brazilian professors and Brazilian students. The lectures are given in Portuguese, the tests are written in Portuguese, and the presentations are spoken in, you guessed it, Portuguese.

Even though I knew it was going to be hard, I was up for the challenge, and dove into my first few weeks of classes at PUC with zeal. I was both surprised with how much I understood and frustrated with how challenging it was to show my comprehension in Portuguese, whether it be written or spoken.

As midterms rolled around, I studied harder than I had ever studied in my life, knowing that the language barrier was going to pose a serious problem since I was being graded against native speakers.

So when I got the results back – 8, 8.2, 8 and a 9.2 on a 10-point scale – I was excited. Until I found out how the grades transfer to Ole Miss, however.

PUC’s International office has a set scale for grade transfers to American universities on the plus-minus system. An 8 is a B, a 7.5 is a C+, etc. While this scale helps out grades on the low-end of the spectrum (you only need a 6 to get a C-), this also means that in order to get an A, you have to get a 9.5 on the 10-point scale.

So, after midterms, I was sitting with three solid Bs and one A-. The realization of what this was going to do to my GPA felt like ice sliding down my spine.

I know what most of you are thinking: “Wow, this chick is being melodramatic.” And now, in hindsight, I would have to agree with you. But at the time, I let the possibility of having my first mostly-B-semester get the better of me. After working hard for five semesters, winter intersessions and summer sessions to keep a 3.92, I wasn’t exactly thrilled with the possibility of my GPA taking a hit because I decided to study abroad in Brazil.

After allowing myself some time for self-pity, I forced myself to come to terms with two points.

Point 1: Be proactive. OK, I wasn’t happy with my grades. So what was I going to do about it? Instead of sitting back and blaming everything on the system (which was very hard not to do) I went to my professors, and asked if there

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The end of abortion in Mississippi



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Mississippi has a lot of dubious distinctions to its credit. The Magnolia State has the highest rate of teen pregnancy and is also the poorest state in the Union. And if all goes according to plan, the state is in line to earn another dishonorable title as the only state in the country without an abortion clinic.

A new law that went into effect on July 1 will most likely force the only abortion clinic in the state, the Jackson Women's Health Organization, to close. The new legislation, signed into law by Gov. Phil Bryant in April, imposes new restrictions on abortion providers that will be nearly impossible for the clinic to meet by the deadline.

The new law requires that all doctors performing abortions in the state be board certified and have admitting privileges at a local hospital. Sounds easy enough, right? Actually, it's not. In this case, because of the stigma and the constant threat of safety that abortion providers face, none of the doctors who perform abortions at the Jackson clinic actually live in state. This alone makes it difficult to gain admitting privileges at any local hospital.

Further complicating matters are the affiliations of the local hospitals. Two of the hospitals

located in Jackson, St. Dominic's and Baptist, are religiously affiliated hospitals. Both hospitals refuse to perform abortions and are also not going to grant admitting privileges to doctors who perform abortions. The other hospital option is the University of Mississippi Medical Center. But because it is a teaching hospital, admitting privileges are reserved only for members of the faculty. In rare circumstances, a non-faculty doctor may be granted admitting privileges, but given that the doctors are not in-state practitioners and the controversial nature of their work, it is unlikely that they would be granted admitting privileges.

Abortion laws in the U.S. is a complex labyrinth of state-specific laws that have become more restrictive and draconian in recent years. The origins of abortion law go back to the seminal case *Roe v. Wade*. That case held that pre-viability abortion was legal, that a woman has the autonomy in her body to make that choice. However, a later case, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* held that a state had a right to place all but the most extreme restrictions on abortions. This is the holding that gives the new law teeth.

This law is November's failed personhood amendment in sheep's clothing. This is insidious legislation enacted under the guise of protecting women's health when in fact it will have the opposite effect. Many lawmakers have said that the goal of this legislation is to prevent back room abortions, when in fact it will

stop all abortions performed by licensed medical professionals in the state. Numerous lawmakers stated triumphantly after the bill's passing that they have completely stopped abortion in Mississippi. When in reality, all they've done is taken away the only legitimate access to abortions in the state, leaving women with fewer options and potentially turning them to the back room options this legislation was theoretically supposed to prevent.

Mississippi, as a state, has far bigger fish to fry than using legislative means to shutter abortion clinics. The state is consistently ranked lowest in the nation in education, with some of the highest rates of poverty, teen pregnancy and high school dropouts in the nation.

Taxpayer dollars pay the salaries of state legislators to make legislation to run the state effectively and come up with creative solutions to the problems plaguing the state. Abortion is not the problem; legislators attempting to legislate morality in the face of larger, more important issues is the problem. This legislation won't make Mississippi a better or more wholesome state, instead it will continue to prove outsiders right; that we're a backwards state governed by narrow views of morality instead of common sense.

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am submitting this letter in response to the Editorial Board article titled "Smoke 'em while you can" that appeared in the June 18th Daily Mississippian. While I realize that editorial pieces are opinion pieces, I wanted to address several inaccuracies contained in the editorial about the Smoke-Free Campus Policy.

1) The editorial stated there are "possible health effects of second-hand smoke". This statement is false because medical research has conclusively shown that second-hand smoke negatively affects the health of everyone breathing second-hand smoke.

2) The editorial stated "currently, smokers have smoking areas available and non-smokers have the ability to avoid these areas". This statement is inaccurate. The "designated smoking area policy" has been in place since 2009, and has failed because many smokers continue to smoke anywhere they wish. Enforcement is extremely difficult because there are not enough officers to provide the manpower needed to stop violators. Therefore, non-smokers do not have the ability to avoid these areas; designated areas simply do not work because enforcement is near impossible. The new policy will be much easier to enforce, as there will be no uncertainty as to where you can or cannot smoke.

3) The editorial stated "the

committee did not seem to consult smokers who were members of the student body, faculty, or staff". This statement is false. All of the organizations responsible for providing a voice on campus were contacted; the Associated Student Body, the Faculty Senate, and the Staff Council all supported, by majority, this ASB resolution. Additionally, one member of this committee is a smoker, and though he does not intend to quit smoking, he does recognize the reasons for this policy and is therefore supportive.

4) The editorial stated "to not give a smoking area to those members of the Ole Miss community that smoke is an infringement of their rights". And to that statement I ask this question: What about the rights of the student who suffered a life-threatening asthma attack when she walked through a haze of second-hand smoke in a location outside of the designated smoking area? The university gave smokers four years to comply with the designated smoking area policy; most smokers did not comply with this policy, and the university has the responsibility to protect the rights of everyone on campus to breathe smoke-free air.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Richardson,
Ph.D.

Co-Chair of the Smoke-Free Policy Implementation Committee

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was anything I could do to bring my grades up in the second half of the semester. Some

were helpful, others were not. Regardless, the knowledge that I was doing everything I could gave me peace of mind.

Point 2: Was I really going to let this ruin my study abroad experience? No.

How many students get the

opportunity to study abroad in Rio de Janeiro for seven months? Not many. In the end, trading a few points of my grade point average for the experience of immersing myself in another country and culture will "vale a pena" – that is, it

will be well more than worth it.

Work as hard as you can for the best grades that you can. But if your absolute best in a class is a B or even a C, then learn from the experience and walk away with your head held

high.

After all, the experience of college is reflected in much more than your GPA.

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One of the estimated 23,000 visitors that Rowan Oak receives annually. A marathon reading of *The Reivers* will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the lawn of Rowan Oak Friday as part of the Faulkner Remembrance.

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ers ever since the conference started 39 years ago,” said Dr. Jay Watson, Howry Chair of Faulkner Studies, professor of English at UM and organizer of the conference. “This is an occasion to celebrate – to pause and reflect on Faulkner’s life and work.”

The events kick off at 6:30 a.m. Friday with a marathon reading of Faulkner’s final novel, *The Reivers*, at the author’s home, Rowan Oak. More than 100 people have signed up to read sections of the novel. The first five readers include: Oxford Mayor Pat Patterson, Chief of Staff to the Chancellor Andy Mullins, President of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors Jeff Busby, Gray Tollison, member of the Mississippi Senate and Campbell McCool, local real estate developer. Surviving members of the Faulkner family will read the final passages of the novel.

“The focus of the reading is to bridge the gap between the academic university and the local citizens of Oxford,” said Pip Gordon, a graduate stu-

dent at Ole Miss who is organizing the reading. “It seems symbolic that the first five readers represent the town, the county, the university and the state.”

A pair of keynote addresses will be given at the Lafayette

“William Faulkner helped give this community its identity.”
— Jay Watson

ette County Courthouse after the marathon reading. Philip Weinstein, author of the 2010 biographical study *Becoming Faulkner: The Art and Life of William Faulkner*, will speak at 4:15 p.m., followed by novelist Randall Kenan, a former John and Renee Grisham Writer-in-Residence at the University of Mississippi.

The day of remembrance will conclude with an 8 p.m. screening of the 1969 film adaptation of *The Reivers* at the Lyric Theater on the Oxford Square. All of Friday’s events are free and open to the public.

Saturday, the Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha Conference will gather writers, teachers and literary scholars from throughout the world for

numerous lectures, panels and sessions on “Teaching Faulkner.” The conference will last five days and requires registration and a fee.

Some of this year’s events include: day-long tours of North Mississippi, the Delta and Memphis; a writers panel at Nutt Auditorium moderated by local author Tom Franklin; and two exhibitions and the University Museum – John Turner Shorb’s “Absalom, Absalom!,” a series of mixed-media works inspired by Faulkner’s 1936 novel, as well as a showing of paintings by Faulkner’s wife, Estelle.

Watson said approximately 200 people have signed up for the conference. Watson said the crowd is diverse and filled with teachers, students, retirees and devoted Faulkner followers.

“William Faulkner helped give this community its identity,” Watson said. “He helped create a center of gravity here for future writers and literary figures. Looking around, I’d say that community still seems to be thriving.”

For more information on the Remembrance Day and the Faulkner Conference, visit <http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/events/faulkner/>.

MOVIE REVIEW

‘The Amazing Spider-Man’: Re-inventing the Web



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A lot of people, myself included, scoffed at the idea of rebooting the Spider-Man franchise so quickly. After all, it’s only been five years since “Spider-Man 3,” and even though that movie was 50 shades of awful, it still made a boatload of money and all signs pointed toward a fourth film. For whatever reason, that never happened and now we’ve got “The Amazing Spider-Man.”

I’ve always been a big fan of Spider-Man the character, but I was never overly thrilled with the other movies. I know they were very popular, but there was just something about them that didn’t do it for me. So while I thought the idea of a reboot so soon after “Spider-Man 3” sounded silly, I adopted a “wait and see” attitude and hoped maybe they’d do it better this time around.

Know what? “The Amazing Spider-Man” actually is kind of amazing. My initial skepticism washed away within the first 10 minutes, and I settled in to thoroughly enjoy one heck of a thrill-ride.

The story this time around is different from Sam Raimi’s “Spider-Man” in a lot of key ways, but we still wind up in the same place. Nerdy high school loner bitten by radioactive spider becomes masked superhero. The big difference this time is the tone.

Raimi’s Spider-movies were usually full of his trademark quirks and humor and, to me, came off as a bit campy. “The Amazing Spider-Man” is hardly dark and gothic, but it does have an overall more serious manner than the other movies.

The cast is definitely a trade-up in every way. I never much cared for Tobey Maguire as Spider-Man, and it’s not just because he bears a passing resemblance to me, leading to every person I met for about

three years commenting that I looked like Spider-Man. It was fun for a minute and got old fast. Andrew Garfield is much better, awkward without being off-putting, and throwing in some of the one-liners that the comic version is known for.

Future Mrs. Presley, Emma Stone, continues to be the best and brightest young actress in Hollywood and definitely makes you forget all about the queen of average, Kirsten Dunst. Knowing her character’s fate from the comic book mythology makes the whole thing kind of bittersweet, though.

Rhys Ifans is more than serviceable as Curt Connors, the do-gooding scientist who turns into the do-badding Lizard. Maybe not as great a villain as Willem Dafoe or Alfred Molina, but he’ll do.

Martin Sheen is a particularly brilliant choice as Uncle Ben, and though she doesn’t have as much to do, Sally Field is a hundred times better as Aunt May than that annoying old lady they had in the original.

The music is great, the special effects and stunts are spectacular, and the story keeps you invested throughout.

The movie still had my single biggest pet peeve from the other three (and most superhero movies, in general): Why does Spider-Man always have to lose his mask for the climactic battle? I wasn’t going to those other movies to see Tobey Maguire any more than I was going to this one to see Andrew Garfield. It’s Spider-Man we want.

So, was it worth rebooting Spider-Man this quickly? Yes it was. “The Amazing Spider-Man” is better than all three of Raimi’s films combined. Plus Spidey himself is Marvel’s flagship character, so it would have been silly not to remind everyone of that in the wake of the hype surrounding “The Avengers.”

I’ve never used any kind of rating system for my reviews, but let’s try one today: I give “The Amazing Spider-Man” four and a half lizard tails out of five.

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THE FLAMING LIPS

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The Flaming Lips performed in eight shows in eight cities, overtaking Jay-Z's Guinness Book of World Records for most concerts in multiple cities in a 24-hour period of 7. The band, fronted by Wayne Coyne, went from Memphis to New Orleans, and one of its Mississippi stops was at The Lyric in Oxford, where the group's opening act was Grace Potter and the Nocturnals.

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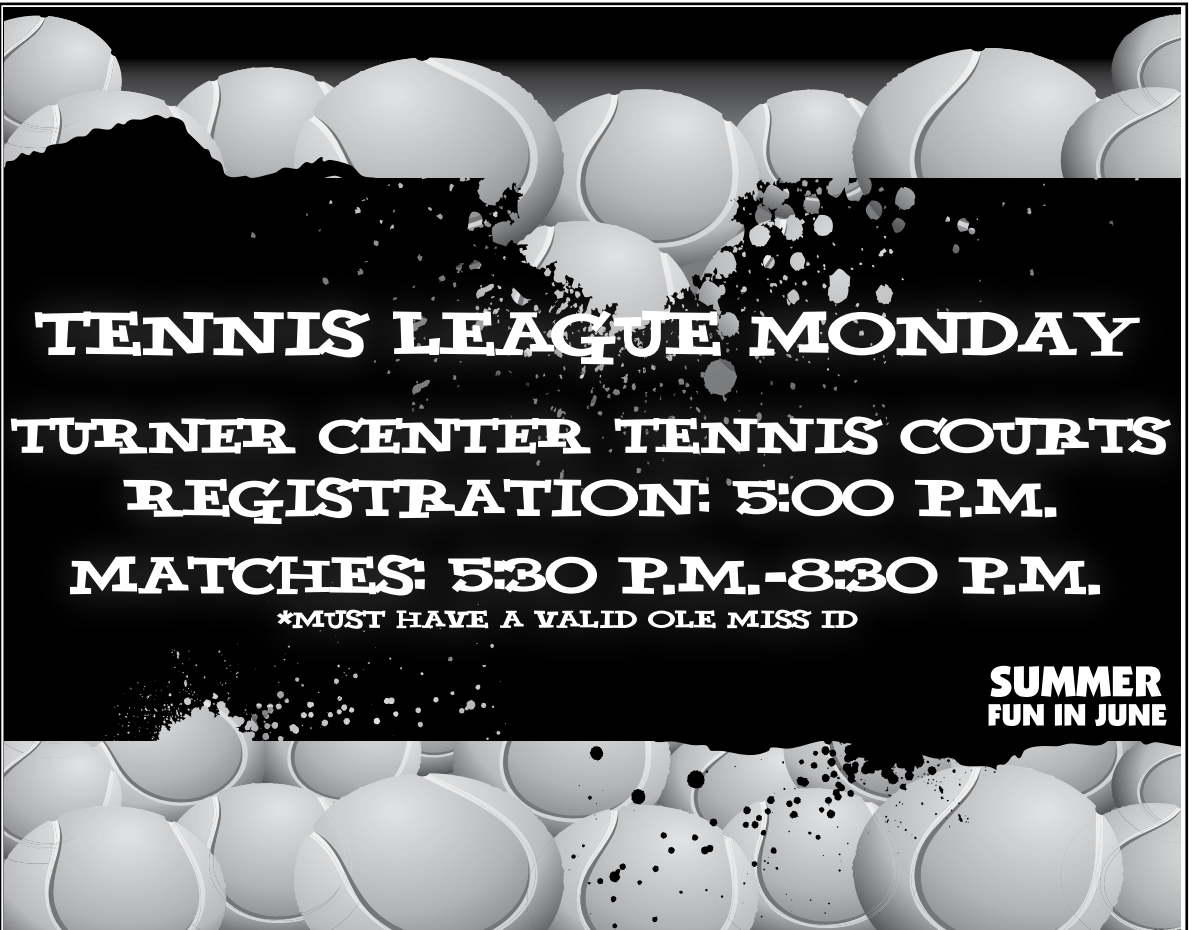
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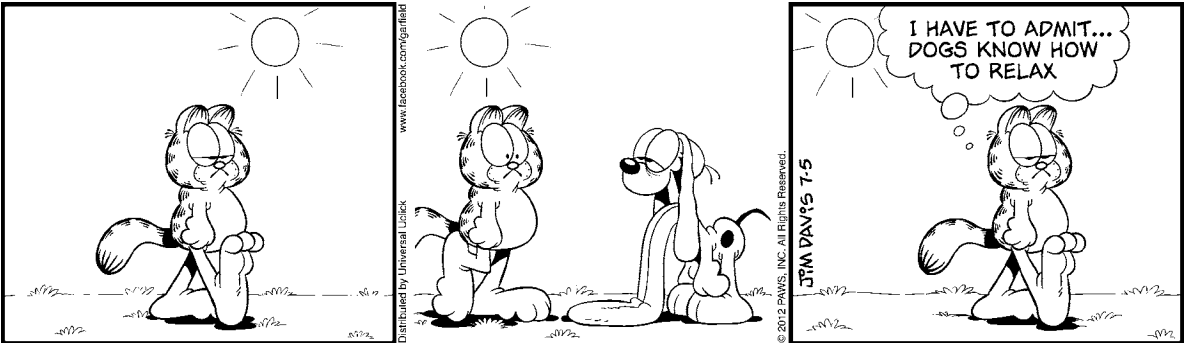
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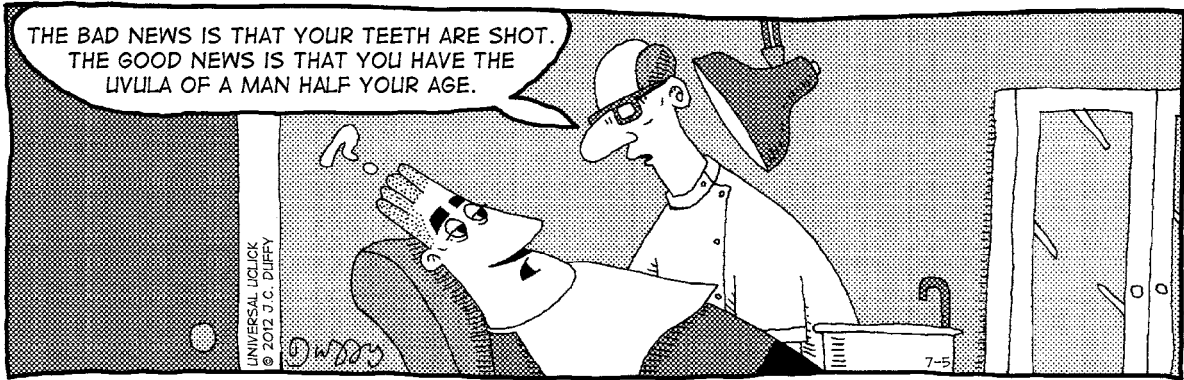
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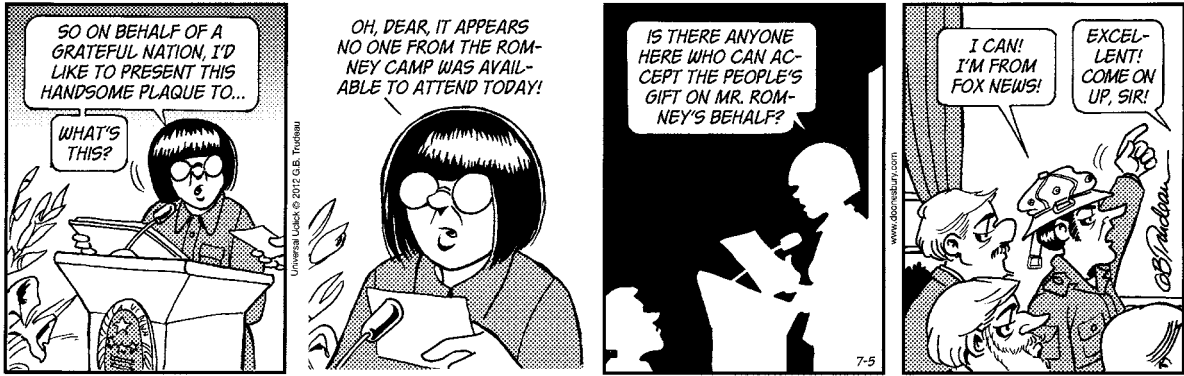
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Pirates outfielder and former Rebel Alex Presley is batting .244 and has 6 home runs.

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season, Nyman was the leader of his high school team. Things were up and down during his senior campaign, but they ended as well as they could have.

“It started off bad,” Nyman said of his senior season. “I wasn’t really hitting the ball like I knew I could. I was getting pitched around. I think I saw two fastballs the first four games. Late in the year, play-offs came around and something just clicked. We ended up winning a state championship, and I guess I helped a

little bit.”

Now, Nyman hopes to help out Ole Miss head coach Mike Bianco and his team. Nyman said he knows there is a lot going back, but losing Yarbrough and shortstop Blake Newalu opens the possibility of early playing time wide open.

“Seeing some middle infielders go, it kind of opens up a spot for me,” Nyman said. “I guess I’ll be in contention to get the starting role at second base. Backing (what Yarbrough did at Ole Miss) up is going to be hard, but it’s something I look forward to. I think I can handle it.”

But Nyman understands that high school ball is not

like battling in the Southeastern Conference. He said he’s ready to start working to do what he can to be an early contributor.

“I think the biggest thing I need to work on is getting stronger,” he said. “I think my skills, as far as baseball goes, are all there. I think getting stronger and getting polished and learning the little stuff about playing in the SEC would help me a lot. Just being a student of the game.”

It looks like Nyman is ready to be a bright spot on the diamond for Ole Miss. Will he be the next Yarbrough? That can’t be expected. But for a guy with the confidence of Nyman, you just never know.

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percentage).

The issue for Presley is that he does not walk (only six walks in 205 plate appearances). Because of his low walk rate, success for him at the plate will continue to rely on balls finding holes and a high batting average on balls in play.

Defensively, he has been barely above average in left field, so the jury is still out on whether Presley is better suited to be a fourth-outfielder with some speed and a little pop, or an everyday player like he has been for the majority of his time in Pittsburgh.

Presley was drafted out of Ole Miss by the Pirates in the eighth round of the 2006 Major League Baseball draft.

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A look inside Ole Miss offense

With the new football season approaching, we take a look at what the offense has in store.



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Junior running back Jeff Scott dives into the end zone during the Southern Illinois game.

BY EDDY MONTALVO
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Rebels look to pick up the pace

The Rebels offense has shifted from last year’s pro style offense to more of a high tempo attack, or what the coaching staff likes to call “basketball on grass.”

“We have really just been trying to incorporate keeping the offense at a high tempo to try keep the defense on its heels at all times,” co-offensive coordinator Dan Werner said.

Running backs

Speedy junior Jeff Scott looks to lead the running backs this year after he led the Rebels in rushing with 529 yards in only 10 games last season. In the new offense, the Rebels will try to get Scott more room.

“We really want to try and get Jeff into open space so he can use his speed,” Werner

said. “Not only handing the ball off to him but throwing him passes out of the back field.”

Senior Devin Thomas appears to be the back-up as he looks to shine in his last year in a Rebel uniform. The Rebels are also awaiting the arrival of highly touted running back I’Tavius Mathers of Murfreesboro, Tenn., who will be added into the mix. At fullback, senior leader H.R. Greer will be handling the duties.

Wide Receivers

The wide receiving corps will be lead by sophomore Donte Moncrief and junior Ja-Mes Logan.

“In the spring, you really saw Donte and Ja-Mes do well,” Werner said. “But we really feel like we have six or seven guys who can go out there and get the job done.”

Sophomore Vincent Sanders, sophomore Collins

Moore, junior Philander Moore and junior Terrell Grant round out the young group of receivers who look to make their mark this season. At tight end, the Rebels will try to incorporate the big bodies of senior Ferbia Allen and senior Jamal Mosley much more than in years past.

Quarterbacks

Ole Miss goes into fall practices with a deadlock in the quarterback race. Sophomore Bo Wallace and red-shirt junior Barry Brunetti look to battle it out. Wallace and Brunetti are both trying to win the starting spot for the 2012 season opener against Central Arkansas.

“What I really like about these guys is that they’re both very hard workers,” Werner said. “They come out there and give it their all. It’s going to be a tight race, and we’ll see them battle it out in two-a-days.”

Nyman hopes to fill a void at second base

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The Ole Miss baseball squad has to replace their two best hitters from last year with first baseman Matt Snyder graduating and signing with the New York Yankees and second baseman Alex Yarbrough electing to start his professional career a year early.

It’s going to be tough to replace those guys, but Rebel signee Chase Nyman is up for the challenge. Nyman, a second baseman from Pascagoula High School, is ready to get his Ole Miss career underway.

“It kind of makes me a little nervous,” Nyman said. “I’ve talked to a lot of people who have given me advice. I’m just going to do my best to work hard and try to succeed the best that I can.”

Nyman grew up a Southern Miss fan, but that all

changed in high school.

“In the 10th grade, I got to come up to Ole Miss on a visit for the Tennessee series,” Nyman said. “The atmosphere for all three games was the best I had ever been around. I kind of fell in love with that. Plus, I got to know the coaches. After that, I was sold and I was just waiting on the offer for the chance to come play.”

And he got that offer. Nyman and Ole Miss two-sport player Senquez Golson were a dynamic duo at Pascagoula, and next spring they’ll be on the field together again.

“We grew up playing together,” Nyman said. “He has a late birthday, so he always played in my league from little league on up. We’ve got a lot of playing time together.”

When Golson left to head to Oxford for his freshman

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Rebels in the pros: Alex Presley



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After making his major league debut for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2010, Alex Presley has been shuffled back and forth between Triple-A and the majors multiple times.

In late June 2011, 5-foot-10, 185-pound Presley played 52 games in which he hit .298

with a .339 on-base average and slugged .465. However, Presley has not seen the same success in 2012.

He has been in the pros for 53 games already in the 2012 season, but has struggled mightily with the bat, putting up a minuscule .615 OPS (on-base average plus slugging

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